

May 17, 2002

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: Petition of The Connecticut Light and Power Company for  
Findings under PUHCA  
D.T.E. 02-35**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find for filing with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") an original and nine copies of The Connecticut Light and Power Company's ("CL&P" or "Petitioner") 'Petition for Findings under Section 32(c) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935' ("PUHCA"). Attached also is a draft Notice of Filing and Public Hearing.

The Petitioner requests that the Department make specific findings that will allow the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission ("FERC") to determine that Petitioner's Seabrook Station nuclear generation assets being divested are 'eligible facilities,' pursuant to Section 32(c) of PUHCA. In support of the determination for CL&P, the Petitioner shortly will submit to the Department CL&P's application to the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control for approval of the asset sale.

The Petitioner respectfully requests a decision of its application by August 30, 2002, to allow the buyer of the assets to obtain "eligible facilities" findings from FERC and subsequently close on the sale by the end of November 2002. The Petitioner further requests that the Department act on and approve contemporaneously the 'Petition of New England Power Company for Approval of the Divestiture of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station' (D.T.E. 02-33), and the 'Petition of Canal Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company for Approval Relating to the Divestiture of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station' (D.T.E. 02-34). The requests in D.T.E. 02-33 and D.T.E. 02-34 are directly related to CL&P's Petition and a contemporaneous decision would facilitate a simultaneous asset sale closing.

Finally, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Department proceed with this matter using a notice and comment procedure. This was the procedure followed by the Department in D.T.E. 00-69, 'The Connecticut Light And Power

Company's And Public Service Of New Hampshire's Joint Petition For Findings Under Section 32(c) Of The Public Utility Holding Company Act Of 1935 (Eligible Facilities)' relating to the sale of Millstone nuclear station assets.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Attached is the \$100 filing fee.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Klionsky

cc: Joseph W. Rogers  
David O'Connor